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Sir:

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1. Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a);
2. Assertion of Small Entity Status Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27(c);
3. Notice of Appeal (PTO/SB/31);
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5. Arguments to Accompany the Pre-Appeal Brief Request for Review; and
6. Online Credit Card Payment Authorization in the amount of **\$335.00** to cover:

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